

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-13 are pending in the application.

Claims 3, 6 and 8-14 are canceled without prejudice by this amendment.

Claims 1 and 4 are currently amended.

In the Office Action dated August 29, 2003, claims 1, 2, 8-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Claims 1-4 and 6-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a or e) or in the alternative under §103(a).

In the Office Action on page 3, paragraph 5, claim 14 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but it was indicated claim 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By the foregoing amendment, applicant has incorporated the limitations of claim 14 and intervening claim 3 into base claim 1. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully submits claim 1 as amended is in allowable form. Applicant submits claims 2, 4 and 7, dependent on allowable claim 1, are also in condition for allowance.

On page 2, paragraph 1 (second), claims 1,2 and 8-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

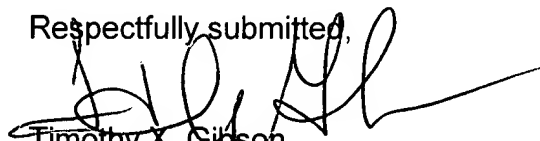
The Office Action states that the combination of TiO₂ and “substantially free from boron” is not considered to be supported by the disclosure.” The applicant has amended claim 1 such that the combination of TiO₂ and “substantially free from boron” is not

contemplated. Claims 8-13 are canceled. Therefore applicant requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

For the foregoing reasons and in light of the amendments made herein the applicant earnestly solicits a Notice of Allowance for all claims pending in the application. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite any detail of the prosecution.

No fee is due with this amendment. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0223.

Respectfully submitted,



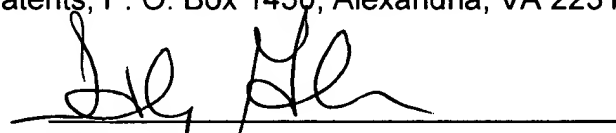
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